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1. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH DECONTROL OF REF A IF CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE TEXT ARE MADE. CHANGES NECESSARY GIVEN EXTREME SENSITIVITIES OF PORTUGUESE AND BECAUSE CHANGES IN GOVERNMENTAL COMPOSITION AND POLICIES HAVE CAUSED MODERATION OF PREVIOUS TRENDS.

2. RECOMMENDED CHANGES:

A. PAGE 2, PARA 1, LINE 11 (SUMMARY): CHANGE SENTENCE
BEGINNING "THE FUTURE OUTLOOK" TO READ: "THE FUTURE OUTLOOK
FOR CANNING AND OTHER PROCESSING ACTIVITIES IS POOR ON THE BASIS
OF PRESENT CONFUSION AND UNCERTAINTY COUPLED WITH LABOR UNREST,
REDUCED PRODUCTIVITY, AND SHARP RISES IN LABOR AND OTHER COSTS."

B. PAGE 3, PARA 3, LINE 5 (OUTLOOK): CHANGE SENTENCES
BEGINNING "SUCH LAWS HAVE ..." TO READ: "SUCH LAWS HAVE
FACILITATED INCREASED GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL AND OWNERSHIP IN
THE INDUSTRY. CONCENTRATION OF OWNERSHIP AND THE POOR FINANCIAL
SITUATION OF FIRMS INVOLVED IN THE LARGE-VESSEL FLEET HAS ENLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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C. PAGE 4, PAR 2, LINE 4 (OUTLOOK): CHANGE SENTENCE
BEGINNING "THE EXISTING MILITANCY OF LABOR IS . . . " TO READ
"LABOR UNREST IS NEGATIVELY AFFECTING PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING
AND, IF CONTINUED, COULD CONCEIVABLY LEAD TO COMPLETE STATE
CONTROL OVER THE FISHERIES INDUSTRY."

D. PAGE 14, LAST PARA: CHANGE FIRST SENTENCE TO READ "WITH INCREASING EMPLOYEE UNREST AND DECLINING MANAGERIAL ABILITY, PLUS THE ACCOMPANYING LOSS OF PRODUCTIVITY, THE NEAR TERM OUTLOOK FOR THE PORTUGUESE FISH CANNING INDUSTRY IS POOR."

E. PAGE 29, LAST PARA ("GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE"): CHANGE FIRST SENTENCE TO READ "GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE MEASURES HAVE INCREASINGLY RESULTED IN THE INCORPORATION OF PRIVATELY-OWNED PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING CAPACITY INTO THE GOVERNMENT SECTOR." LINE 10 - CHANGE SENTENCE BEGINNING "HOWEVER, UNDER THE EVOLVING..." TO READ: "HOWEVER, UNDER THE PRESENT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION, IT APPEARS THAT GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE MAY LEAD TO EVENTUAL NATIONALIZATION OF THE INDUSTRY."

3. IN ADDITION, WE RECOMMEND FOLLOWING CORRECTION: ON PAGE 20, PARA 2, LINE 2, SENTENCE BEGINNING "DRIED COD IS . . . " SHOULD BE CHANGED TO READ: "TRADITIONALLY, THE LOW PRICE OF DRIED COD GAVE IT GREATER IMPORTANCE TO PEOPLE WITH LOWER INCOMES. DUE TO GREAT INCREASES IN PRICE, TIS SITUATION HAS BEEN CHANGING IN RECENT YEARS." CARLUCCI

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